

CAPT. SEALBY  
IN NEW YORKArrived There To-day on the  
Boat Seneca

## BLAME IS NOT YET CERTAIN

Details Now at Hand Regarding the  
Terrible Collision at Sea on Satur-  
day—The Stories of the  
Passengers.

New York, Jan. 26.—The revenue cutter Manhattan, having aboard Capt. John I. Sealby, Second Officer Richard Williams and forty of the crew who were taken from the steamer Republic just before she sank Sunday night, arrived at the White Star Line's pier at eight o'clock this morning. The Florida, which gave the death blow to the Republic, had been damaged at her pier at South Brooklyn, where a large force of men will attempt the removal of the dead bodies of two sailors, which are in the shattered prow. By last night the passengers from both the Republic and the Florida had been landed from the Baltic, which picked them up at the scene of the collision.

Captain Sealby of the Republic and Jack Binn, the wireless operator who only knew to "stick on his job," were carried ashore to-day on the shoulders of the crews of the Republic and the Baltic. A great crowd at the pier cheered both wildly, and buglers called welcome, ships in the harbor shrieked sounds and bells clattered. At the office of the White Star, Capt. Sealby refused to place any responsibility, and declined to express what chance there was to have avoided a disaster if the Florida had been differently handled.

With the important work of rescue thus practically finished, attention turns to the question of how the two big ocean travelers had come to collide and whether their fateful meeting was as unavoidable as at first appeared. On the Republic's side, little was to be learned. Her passengers told graphic tales of the crash, of the excitement on board, of the bravery of the officers, the good behavior of the crew and the efficient work of rescue.

Little could be learned either from Capt. Sealby of the Republic but according to reports of those who had been on board the Florida and were brought into port by the Baltic, something went wrong with the Florida's steering gear when the collision was imminent. One story had it that a quartermaster had the wheel jammed to starboard, he put it to port instead, and the liners crashed into each other.

Another story is that the man dropped his wheel in a panic when danger impended. Both versions agree in saying that the commander felt the quartermaster with an iron spike following what he must have considered the seaman's recency. An injured quartermaster from the Florida was brought to port on the Baltic yesterday. He stoutly asserted that he was not at the wheel when the accident occurred.

Probably not until both commanders have made their formal statements will the actual facts be known. Possibly the verdict of a marine court will be necessary to determine them.

Standing out prominently on the other hand, is the conduct of Capt. Sealby of the Republic, who true to the best traditions of the sea, kept his ship beneath him as long as there was enough of her afloat to afford him a foothold. And practically all accounts agree that, aside from the starting of an incipient panic among the steerage passengers on the Florida, both ship's forces and passengers kept their heads well in the midst of most trying conditions.

## Trouble on Florida Denied.

When the Florida, in from her fateful experience, passed up the harbor late yesterday she looked every bit the part of the ocean latherer she had played. Flying the signal, "not under control," she was guided up the bay by two tug boats. Her bows were crumpled up from the impact with the Republic, the plates and beams being buckled and twisted for a distance of fully 30 feet. Caught on the jagged iron braces and angle irons was a canvas covering to keep out as much water as possible from her forward compartment. With her fore peak full of water, her burdened bow dipped low while the stern showed high above the surface. Slowly and with difficulty she was finally warped into her pier in Brooklyn.

That there had been any trouble at the wheel of the Florida was denied by the Florida's purser, Maribella Ghina. When asked about the reports of the quartermaster was thrown from the wheel by the shock of the collision, she said that the quartermaster was thrown from the wheel by the shock of the collision, she said that the quartermaster was thrown from the wheel by the shock of the collision, she said that the quartermaster was thrown from the wheel by the shock of the collision.

Captain Rospini talked but briefly. He said that he preferred to await a statement by the Republic's commander before making his. He said, however, that he heard the Republic's whistles at intervals for some time on the morning of the disaster, but they seemed quite far away. Suddenly the big liner came out of the fog and the vessels came together. The Florida veered off and the Republic was swallowed up again in the mist. A cautious search for her was then begun and it was two hours, the captain said before the Florida again found her partner in misfortune and began the work of rescue which resulted so fortunately.

## A Story By a Passenger.

Picked out into a continuous story an account of the collision as related to the reporters by H. J. Hoyer follows: "The shock came when all the pas-

sengers of the Republic and most of the crew were sound asleep. Mrs. Hoyer and I, like most of the passengers, were awakened by being violently thrown against the side of our bunk. I turned on the electric light and hastily throwing garments over to Mrs. Hoyer and I made our way barefooted to the music room on the promenade deck. Meanwhile the alarm gongs were pounding all over the ship and the stewards going from stateroom to stateroom arousing the passengers. By the time we got to the music room the place was full of men and women, some with nothing over them but the clothes in which they had been asleep, others wrapped in ship's blankets and steamers' rugs. The women were huddled together, some weeping, a few hysterical. Most of the men rushed out on deck to ascertain what the trouble was.

There we found the crew of the Republic taking tarpaulins from the lifeboats and standing by ready to swing out the davies. There was no sign of any other ship anywhere. The fog horn of the Republic was letting out shrill blasts.

"Finally the second officer announced there was no danger of the vessel going under. The majority became composed at hearing this and after a little we heard an answering whistle and the Florida came towing out of the fog on our starboard quarter. There was an exchange of questions and answers between the two captains and the inquiry to the Republic having been discovered more serious than at first supposed we were told we were to be transferred to the Florida. This announcement caused more trouble than had the shock of the collision even but after a while comparative calm obtained and the transshipment was begun. The women and children went first of course. When it came to the turn of Captain Sealby and officers and men of the Republic to abandon ship they refused.

"We stayed aboard the Florida all day Saturday packed like sardines. At seven o'clock word came that the Baltic, which stood by us several hours, would take us off. One more we had to go from ship to ship in the lifeboats. The crew of the Florida remained on board as did one of our passengers, Eugene Lynch, whose wife had been killed in the crash between the two ships and who himself, was too badly injured to be removed. I intend to sail on another ship next week, but I hope this is the only experience of this kind I will ever have."

HUSBAND ADDED  
TO WRECK VICTIMSEugene Lynch, One of the Passengers  
on the ill-fated Republic, Died  
in Long Island Hospital  
To-day.

New York, Jan. 26.—Eugene Lynch of Boston, whose wife was killed in the collision between the steamer Republic and Florida on Saturday, died at the Long Island hospital to-day from injuries received in the crash.

The Lynchs occupied a stateroom on the Republic directly in the path of the Florida's blow as it crashed into the side of the Republic. Mr. Lynch was in the wholesale liquor business in Boston and had been for twenty years. He was born in Troy, N. Y., and had formerly been in business in Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Lynch's maiden name was Mary E. Gething. She was 45 years old, while her husband was 65.

Of the eight hundred passengers aboard the Republic, probably not one entered on the trip with greater misgiving and reluctance than did Mrs. Lynch, the only woman killed. Always timorous about the water, Mrs. Lynch looked upon the trip with dread to the very pleasure trip planned by herself and her husband, because the ocean had to be crossed. A trip down Boston harbor, even, was sufficient to arouse her fears, and it had taken much urging on the part of her husband and friends before she would admit that her dread was groundless, and she agreed to accompany her husband on a pleasure trip through Germany, France and Italy.

BELIEVED ALL  
SUCCUMBED.Up to Midnight Last Night Signals Were  
Heard from Entombed Men, But the  
Sounds Then Ceased—Two  
Bodies Removed.

Johnston, Pa., Jan. 26.—As the result of a double explosion in the Brevel mine of the United Coal Co., 22 miners are supposed to be dead. All were members of an investigating party which entered to make an inspection, and they were caught by an explosion. Up to midnight signals were heard from the entombed men, but after that hour the sounds ceased. It is thought all succumbed to the fumes of the after-damp. The bodies of the superintendent and one miner were removed.

## HANGING IN HIS CELL.

Prisoner in Dover, N. H., Jail Found  
Yesterday Afternoon.

Dover, N. H., Jan. 26.—At 4:10 yesterday afternoon Farie Abdella, a Syrian, 45 years old, was found hanging in his cell at the county jail by a fragment of his shirt which had wound around his neck and suspended from an iron rod about four feet from the floor of the cell.

He was discovered by Harry Hill, a trusty who summoned John McCuddy, the turnkey, who cut the strangling man down and summoned an ambulance. He was taken to the hospital, but he died about five minutes after his plight was discovered.

## Many Deer Seen.

East Hinsbury, Jan. 26.—Several herds of five and six deer can have been seen here recently. They are very tame.

DEADLOCK  
OVER JUDGETen Ballots To-day Without  
Decisive Result

## FISH OF VERGENNES LEADS

When Adjournment Was Taken by Legis-  
lature for Dinner Howe of St. John-  
bury Was Coming Up—Mower of  
Burlington Is Strengthening.

State House, Jan. 26.  
The legislature spent the entire forenoon to-day trying to elect a superior court judge to the position made vacant by the promotion of Judge Powers to the supreme bench, and after taking ten ballots adjourned for dinner, with Representative Frank L. Fish of Vergennes leading the contestants, as it had done through most of the ballots.

A surprising feature of the contest was the rise of Representative Harland B. Howe of St. Johnsbury, who was injected into the contest on the eighth ballot when he got five votes, and who got 42 on the final ballot before the recess. Another feature was the possible rise of City Judge Edmund C. Mower of Burlington, who had secured one or two scattering ballots at the start and who early this afternoon was being seriously considered, to the extent that ballots with his name were being printed for the re-opening of the fight when the two branches should have come together in joint session at 2:35 o'clock.

The tenth ballot stood as follows: Fish 99, Senator Butler of Rutland 80, Representative Watson of St. Albans 2, ex-Gov. Stickney 16, Representative Leary of Burlington 2, J. K. Ratchford of Arlington 2, H. G. Barber of Brattleboro 1. When adjournment was taken for dinner there was a strong sentiment for Judge Mower of Burlington as a candidate to break the deadlock.

The ballots resulted as follows:  
Fish ..... 99  
Butler ..... 80  
Watson ..... 2  
Stickney ..... 16  
Scattering ..... 3

Total ..... 247  
Fish ..... 99  
Butler ..... 75  
Watson ..... 2  
Stickney ..... 16  
Scattering ..... 3

Total ..... 250  
Fish ..... 90  
Butler ..... 71  
Watson ..... 68  
Stickney ..... 18  
Scattering ..... 3

Total ..... 247  
Fish ..... 98  
Butler ..... 81  
Watson ..... 58  
Stickney ..... 9

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Fish ..... 98  
Butler ..... 99  
Watson ..... 41  
Stickney ..... 6  
Scattering ..... 2

Total ..... 246  
Fish ..... 101  
Butler ..... 111  
Watson ..... 31  
Stickney ..... 2

Total ..... 245  
Fish ..... 104  
Butler ..... 118  
Watson ..... 23  
Stickney ..... 2  
Scattering ..... 1

Total ..... 245  
Fish ..... 111  
Butler ..... 116  
Watson ..... 11  
Stickney ..... 2  
Scattering ..... 5

Total ..... 249  
Fish ..... 105  
Butler ..... 104  
Watson ..... 4  
Stickney ..... 6  
Howe ..... 21  
Otis (Sutton) ..... 1

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Howe ..... 42  
Leary ..... 2  
Bartcheider ..... 2  
Barber ..... 1

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Mr. Kinsey of Rutland nominated Judge F. M. Butler, the senator from Rutland county. He said he was the recognized leader of the bar in his county and had 30 years' experience. Probably more briefs had been drawn by Senator Butler and more cases tried by him before the supreme court than by any other lawyer in the state. Of the 80 volumes of Vermont reports there is not one of the last thirty that does not contain cases in which Mr. Butler was engaged. He said that geographically he was well located to serve a large number of people. Rutland had not had a judge since 1888.

His name was seconded by Senator Gleason, Senator Lewis of Orleans, Senator Scott of Rutland, Mr. Walker of Dummerston, Mr. Jones of Sudbury, Mr. Cook of Danby, Senator Corry of Washington county.

Charles D. Watson of St. Albans was placed in nomination by L. H. Felton of Highgate, who spoke briefly. His name was seconded by Mr. Croft of Berkshire, Mr. Lockhart of Richmond, Mr. Loring of Colchester, Mr. Brown of Fairbairn, who effectively eulogized his character. Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury. The last mentioned made a great speech, in which he stated that it had been said of Judge Tyler of Brattleboro that he could do no wrong. This could

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ingly be said of Mr. Watson. He would fill the office with credit to himself, with safety to the people, and with dignity and grace.

Senator Donway of Addison placed in nomination Frank L. Fish of Vergennes, a man conspicuous for his character and ability. He stated that he had come from the ranks of the lowly and worked himself to a position of standing. He said that he had well filled the positions with which he had been honored. He has been State's attorney of his county nine years and served as national bank examiner. His name was seconded by Mr. Martin of Essex, Mr. Sherman of Newfane, Mr. Daniels of East Montpelier, Mr. Gould of Whitingham and Mr. Williams of Newport. Mr. Williams said that the members of the House had learned that Mr. Fish had the qualifications of a judge, he was honest, impartial, independent and with a knowledge of the law.

Mr. Bacon of Hartford placed in nomination Hon. W. W. Stickney of Ludlow, whose public record he recalled. He said that he was one whose blood ran none too warm and none too cold to qualify him for the position of judge. He was also geographically located in a county that should have a judge. His name was seconded by Senator Sherwin of Windsor county.

The resolution introduced in the Senate calling for a commission to investigate the expenses in the various departments of state was not the work of Senator Orris, nor Senator Lewis of Orleans, but came from Senator Gibson of the committee on state and court expenses.

Mr. Gebhart of Shelburne was in his seat this morning for the first time in several weeks. He was kept at home by the illness of his daughter.

The legislature will have been in session 90 days to-morrow.

BOY CONFESSES  
TO BRUTAL CRIMEAdmits He Murdered Aged Shop Woman  
in Lawrence, Mass., and Is  
Held For Trial.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 26.—Ambrose Van Buskirk, the alleged self-confessed murderer of Mrs. Catherine Gray, was arraigned in court today and held for the grand jury. The 15-year-old boy murdered the woman while robbing her store.

The boy's confession came after his arrest on suspicion by the police during his examination by the "third degree" in the presence of Assistant Marshal Vose and Inspectors Kelleher and Woodcock. Van Buskirk told the officers that he went into the store and asked Mrs. Gray for a piece of tobacco. Then he said he raised the club and struck her over the head and she fell. She tried to rise and he struck her again. A third time she tried to rise and again the club fell. Then she lay still.

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## AS MANY TIMES BEFORE

He Slipped Under the Wheels of Train  
and Now Lies in a Critical Con-  
dition in St. Johnsbury  
Hospital.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 26.—Harry Moore of East Charleston who is employed by the Willoughby Lumber and Wood company at Willoughby was seriously injured last night when his foot was run over by a train from which he had just jumped. Moore had been home to see his wife and infant child and was returning. The train does not stop at Willoughby and as he had often done before, he jumped from the train but slipped under the wheels and one foot was crushed. He was taken to the Brightlook hospital at St. Johnsbury last night but his condition was found to be so critical that amputation of his foot was delayed. He is 23 years old.

He sang the strains of lowly life  
On hillside, glen and moor,  
He sang of scenes and joys that make  
The annals of the poor.  
He sang of battles, he sang of braves,  
He sang of simple Scottish ways,  
He won our hearts, he won our praise,  
Immortal Robbie Burns.

## MASONRY AT WATERBURY.

Annual District Meeting Was Attended  
by Many from Barre.

The annual meeting of the sixth Masonic district was held with Winooski lodge of Waterbury yesterday afternoon and last evening and was attended by about 250 Masons from the district. The seven lodges in the district are Waterbury, Northfield, Watfield, Montpelier, Cabot, North Montpelier, and Barre, and all but one of the lodges was represented at the meeting. At 2 o'clock the entered apprentice degree was worked by Wyoming lodge of North Montpelier, and at 5 o'clock the ladies of the Eastern Star served an excellent chicken pie supper in the Odd Fellows hall.

The reception of the grand lodge officers occurred at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, the grand officers present being Grand Master Lee S. Tilton of St. Albans, Grand Secretary Henry H. Ross of Burlington and Grand Lecturer Charles H. Darling of Burlington. The master Masons degree was then conferred by Granite lodge of Barre and the work was reviewed by the grand lecturer, who highly complimented the work of the Granite lodge officers, saying that the work was done so nearly perfect that he had no criticisms to make. He also praised the Masonic quartet who assisted in the work. After remarks by the grand lodge officers, the meeting was closed in form by Winooski lodge.

There were 45 members of Granite lodge present, who returned at two o'clock this morning, coming from Montpelier in a special electric car.

## I. O. O. L. M. U. SURPRISED.

Pleasant Affair in Which Their Brother  
Lodge Participated.

The loyal Green Mountain lodge of the I. O. O. F. M. U. was very pleasantly surprised last evening, after its regular meeting was over, by the Granite City lodge of the I. O. O. L. M. U. walk in, in a body.

The evening was pleasantly spent in singing and dancing. The grand march was started at 9 o'clock, led by the ladies noble grand, Mrs. Nellie Bianchi, and John Stewart, followed by her home at Regate, Mrs. Edwin Vail and Joseph Graham and thirty other couples. The ladies served refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, crackers, cheese, cake and coffee, and a very enjoyable evening was spent throughout, all wishing that another such good time would be held in the near future. Much credit is due to the ladies of the committee, as it was one of the best arranged and most enjoyable times, the lodges ever had.

## DEATH OF RYEGATE WOMAN.

Mrs. Lawrence Turnbull Passed Away  
Yesterday.

Groton, Jan. 26.—The many friends here of Mrs. Lawrence Turnbull were pained to learn of her death, which occurred Monday morning at her home at Regate. Mabel Fuller Turnbull was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Fuller of Ryegate and was about twenty-two years of age. She was married to Mr. Turnbull three years ago. She was well known here, as her life had been spent in this vicinity. She was of a bright and sunny disposition, possessed an attractive personality which won and held many friends who regret her early death. Much sympathy is expressed for her husband and parents, and sister, Mrs. George Steel of Topsfield.

## A WHIRLWIND GAME.

Ended in Defeat of Company D at  
Hands of Lauter A. C.

White River Junction, Jan. 25.—The first in a series of five basketball games to be played on consecutive nights between the Co. D. team of St. Johnsbury and the Lauter A. C. of Jersey City was played here last night. From start to finish it was a whirlwind game and was won by the Lauters, 51 to 51. The lineup:

Lauter A. C. St. Johnsbury  
Callahan 17.....rb Corbett  
Wright 11.....rb Kreuger  
Biggins 6.....rb Wright  
Martin 10.....rb Matthews  
Petrick 10.....rb Brennan

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

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dition in St. Johnsbury  
Hospital.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 26.—Harry Moore of East Charleston who is employed by the Willoughby Lumber and Wood company at Willoughby was seriously injured last night when his foot was run over by a train from which he had just jumped. Moore had been home to see his wife and infant child and was returning. The train does not stop at Willoughby and as he had often done before, he jumped from the train but slipped under the wheels and one foot was crushed. He was taken to the Brightlook hospital at St. Johnsbury last night but his condition was found to be so critical that amputation of his foot was delayed. He is 23 years old.

He sang the strains of lowly life  
On hillside, glen and moor,  
He sang of scenes and joys that make  
The annals of the poor.  
He sang of battles, he sang of braves,  
He sang of simple Scottish ways,  
He won our hearts, he won our praise,  
Immortal Robbie Burns.

## MASONRY AT WATERBURY.

Annual District Meeting Was Attended  
by Many from Barre.

The annual meeting of the sixth Masonic district was held with Winooski lodge of Waterbury yesterday afternoon and last evening and was attended by about 250 Masons from the district. The seven lodges in the district are Waterbury, Northfield, Watfield, Montpelier, Cabot, North Montpelier, and Barre, and all but one of the lodges was represented at the meeting. At 2 o'clock the entered apprentice degree was worked by Wyoming lodge of North Montpelier, and at 5 o'clock the ladies of the Eastern Star served an excellent chicken pie supper in the Odd Fellows hall.

The reception of the grand lodge officers occurred at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, the grand officers present being Grand Master Lee S. Tilton of St. Albans, Grand Secretary Henry H. Ross of Burlington and Grand Lecturer Charles H. Darling of Burlington. The master Masons degree was then conferred by Granite lodge of Barre and the work was reviewed by the grand lecturer, who highly complimented the work of the Granite lodge officers, saying that the work was done so nearly perfect that he had no criticisms to make. He also praised the Masonic quartet who assisted in the work. After remarks by the grand lodge officers, the meeting was closed in form by Winooski lodge.

There were 45 members of Granite lodge present, who returned at two o'clock this morning, coming from Montpelier in a special electric car.

## I. O. O. L. M. U. SURPRISED.

Pleasant Affair in Which Their Brother  
Lodge Participated.

The loyal Green Mountain lodge of the I. O. O. F. M. U. was very pleasantly surprised last evening, after its regular meeting was over, by the Granite City lodge of the I. O. O. L. M. U.